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Following is the text of the Revolutionary Military Council's order relative to the organization of 100 Public Security Divisions.

GENERAL ORDER OF THE MILITARY COUNCIL OF THE CENTRAL PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC

January 10, 1951
From Jen Pien Chien Tsu No. 2934

TO: The Central and South China Military Areas

The Military Council at its 327th meeting decided that, in order to release the several Field Armies from their present domestic defense duties and to make the several Field Armies available for strengthening garrisons along the national frontiers and for exercising functions required to protect the world peace, one hundred divisions of Public Security Forces shall be formed prior to Army Day² of the year 1951.

Formation of these Public Security Divisions constitutes one of the items in the nation-wide military reconstruction program. The several Military Areas are hereby required to begin forming these divisions according to the directions given in this order, and to complete the necessary action within the prescribed period of time.

The following are measures regarding the formation of the Public Security Divisions:

1. Allocation of Divisions to various Areas:

a. Northwest Area	0 Divisions
b. Southwest Area	10 Divisions
c. East China Area	20 Divisions
d. Central and South China Area	20 Divisions
e. Northeast Area	10 Divisions
f. North China Area	10 Divisions

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The several Military Areas must draw up plans for forming these divisions according to the allocation figures above, taking into account the actual conditions in the Areas concerned. In principle, each province (or Regional Administrator's Office) and each city under direct control of any Major Administrative Area must have at least one Public Security Division. Any of these areas which have a dense population, or occupy an important location, or are important for any other unusual reason, should have two Public Security Divisions. The Public Security Divisions already possessed by the Military Area concerned shall be included in the number allocated to each Area.

2. Organization. These Divisions shall have the same organization as existing Public Security Divisions in the various Areas.

a. Each Division shall have a Division Command Headquarters, a Political Department, three Infantry Regiments, one Reconnaissance Battalion under direct command of Division Headquarters, and an Independent Artillery Battalion.

b. Each Regiment shall have a Regimental Command Headquarters, a Political Bureau, three Infantry Battalions, and one Guards Company under direct command of Regimental Headquarters.

c. Each Battalion shall be composed of four companies. The First Company shall be a heavy machine-gun company, and the Second, Third and Fourth Companies shall be infantry companies.

d. Each heavy machine-gun company shall be composed of three platoons, each platoon of three squads, and each squad shall have a Squad Commander, a Deputy Squad Commander and 12 privates.

e. Each infantry company shall be composed of three platoons, each platoon of three squads. The First Squad shall be a light machine-gun squad, and the Second and Third Squads shall be infantry squads. Each squad shall have a Commander, a Deputy Commander and 12 privates.

f. Each company shall have 10 officers (Company Commander, Deputy Company Commander, Political Director, Deputy Political Director, three Platoon Commanders and three Deputy Platoon Commanders) and 140 men (126 combat privates and 14 service privates - i.e., 4 couriers, 2 buglers, 2 servants, chief cook, assistant cook and 4 kitchen helpers).

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j. Full division strength shall be 6,820 officers and men.

3. Equipment. To be issued by the Military Council.

a. For each infantry company: 12 light machine-guns, 84 rifles, and 10 automatic and other pistols.

b. For each heavy machine-gun company: 9 heavy machine-guns, 18 rifles, and 10 automatic and other pistols.

c. For each Reconnaissance Battalion of a Division: 28 Thompson sub-machine guns, 56 carbines, 112 automatic and other pistols, 300 rifles, and 4 light machine-guns.

d. For the Independent Artillery Battalion of a Division: mortars for the First Company, Chia Lun3 guns for the Second Company, anti-aircraft guns for the Third Company,

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e. Officers of Division and Regimental grades shall each be provided with a pistol.

f. Supply. Supplies shall be provided on the same basis as supplies for the People's Liberation Army, and shall be issued against budgets prepared by the Supply and Service Commands of the several Military Areas.

a. Cadres of Division and Regimental grades shall receive "small kitchen" food at the cost of 90,000 JMP per persons per month.

b. Cadres of Battalion, Company and Platoon grades shall receive "medium kitchen" food at the cost of 60,000 JMP per person per month.

c. Squad Commanders and privates shall receive "large kitchen" food at the cost of 30,000 JMP per person per month.

d. Cadres of Battalion grade and higher shall receive funds to cover their health protection charges, official operational charges and special expenses according to the amounts which they actually spend.

e. Each private shall receive 10,000 JMP per month for nutrition (sic).

f. Officers and men shall each receive monthly 1 pair of shoes, 1 pair of socks, 1 towel, 1 tooth-brush and package of toothpowder. Each shall receive yearly 4 uniforms, including underwear, 1 mosquito net for summer, and a cotton-padded quilt weighing 3 cattys for winter.

g. Cadres of Company grade and higher shall receive 1 package of cigarettes daily, and privates shall receive 1 package of cigarettes each week.

h. The treatment of dependents of the officers and men in these Divisions shall be governed by Regulations of Compassionate Measures for the Dependents of the Revolutionary Military Service Men.

5. Sources of Recruits.

a. Public Security forces of provinces, cities, hsien and localities.

b. Local forces under command of the Military Area.

c. The remaining vacancies shall be filled by men drawn from the troops of military districts and sub-districts.

6. Officers.

a. Officers of Division and Regimental grades shall all be appointed by the Military Council and shall be subject to screening by the Party Commissars of the Military Council.

b. Officers of Battalion and Company grade shall be drawn from those officers of units which have been incorporated into the Division.

7. Command authority and designations.

a. Divisional designations shall all be issued by the Military Council. Before these designations are issued, each unit shall be known by the name of the locality where it is stationed, e.g. a Public Security Division formed by the Province of Hopei shall be called temporarily the Public Security Division of Hopei.

b. These Divisions shall be under the direct command of the Military Council, but they shall be led (sic) by the Military Areas to which they are assigned, and controlled by the Public Security Departments of the locality to which they are assigned.

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3. Remarks:

a. Public Security Divisions shall wear the same uniforms as the Liberation Army, and also shall wear the Liberation Army patches. In addition they shall wear white arm patches with the characters Kung an (meaning Public Security) written on them in red.

b. This order shall be forwarded by the Government Administration Council to the several Major Administrative Areas and to the Public Security Department.

(Signed) MAO Tse-tung, Chairman

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1. I.e., internal.

2. 1 August.

3. Translator stated that the characters were the same as those for General Galen.

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Comment. Check of all available information reveals no Chia-tung or Galen gun. Although no characters were received, since translator is a Hunanese (who frequently reverse n and l) it is believed that possibly this is in error for Chia-mung, a common Chinese term for cannon (i.e., long-barreled gun).

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